

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the first paragraph beginning at page 2, line 3, which starts with "This application is a...." with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a continuation-in-part of ~~prior-pending~~ U.S. patent application serial number ~~10/632,776~~ 10/623,776, filed July 21, 2003, issued January 04, 2005 as U.S. patent number 6,837,294, which is a continuation-in-part of ~~prior pending~~ U.S. patent application serial number 10/360,305, filed February 10, 2003, issued January 31, 2006 as U.S. patent number 6,991,020.

Please replace the first paragraph under "Detailed Description" section beginning at page 11, line 4, which starts with "In FIGS. 1, 2 and....." with the following amended paragraph:

In FIGS. 1, 2 and 7, a pleated shade or Venetian blind assembly 10 is capable of height adjustment without use of external pull cords. It includes an upper elongated support 11 which may be in the form of a metallic or plastic channel or rail 12 which may be otherwise hollow, attachable to a window frame [[200]], as by fastener [[201]]. The assembly also includes a lower elongated slat member 13 that is to be simply and easily manually adjusted up or down, as indicated by arrows 14 and 15, and to selected levels. Shade pleats 16 are located between and connected to 12 and 13, as shown. The pleats may be foldable, and expand or separate as member 13 is urged downwardly, to selectively adjusted height position, for example controllably covering a window. The pleats or slats collapse toward one another as the member 13 is elevated toward 12, to adjusted position or positions. Pleats or slats expand as at 60, from stacked positions as at 61 in FIG. 9.